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St. Louis' Douglas Potts Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Sept. 4, 2013) – Douglas A. Potts, MAI, of St. Louis, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's September "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region II.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region II consists of Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, as well as Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada. Potts is a member of the Greater St. Louis Chapter.

"Douglas Potts is an outstanding representative for the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Richard L. Borges II, MAI, SRA. "We're proud to have individuals like Douglas who continuously strive to advance the valuation profession while also serving their local communities."

Potts is Greater St. Louis Chapter Government Relations Committee chair. He was Greater St. Louis Chapter Nominating Committee chair in 2010, past president from 2009-2010, president from 2007-2008, vice president from 2005-2006, secretary in 2004 and treasurer from 2001-2003. He was a member of the Leadership Development & Advisory Council from 2006-2007 and received the William T. Anglyn Award in 2006. He was a panelist and speaker at the Appraisal Institute Annual Meeting in 2011, is an AI approved instructor and serves as a Candidate for Designation advisor and has served on a variety of national and chapter committees. He joined the Appraisal Institute in 1989 and received his MAI designation in 2004.

Potts has been vice president of Commerce Bancshares, Inc., in St. Louis since 2004 and began with the company in 1993. He has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 32 years. He received a bachelor's degree in piano performance from the St. Louis Conservatory of Music.

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